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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14. 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 16, 2007 with a one month extension of time, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/2002-0450 for a one month extension of time fees (or any other fees that may be required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office).